

Plant-out-of-place Capeweed



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EXOTIC SHRUB

Himalayan Blackberry

(*Rubus discolor*)

Description

- Prickly, perennial bramble that can form impenetrable thickets 9 ft tall
- Leaves of 5 leaflets (sometimes 3) with white undersides
- 5-angled stem with stout, curved thorns
- Produces numerous black berries ½ in long; birds and animals disperse seeds over long distances

Habitat

- Disturbed, moist areas

Don't confuse with...

California Blackberry

(*Rubus ursinus*) which has:

- Round, often whitish stem
- 3 leaflets per leaf, green underneath
- Many thin straight thorns



Himalayan Blackberry stem is 5-angled with stout thorns



California Blackberry stem is round and whitish with many slender thorns

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EXOTIC GRASS

Giant Reed

(*Arundo donax*)

Description

- Large, clump-forming grass 9-30 ft tall
- Hollow stems divided by partitions like bamboo
- Pale green to blue-green leaves that "clasp" stem
- Leaves 1-2 in wide and 1 ft long; look like corn leaves from a distance
- Plume-shaped creamy brown flower, 1-2 ft long; flowers in late summer

Habitat

- Moist places such as ditches, streams, riverbanks, estuaries

Don't confuse with...

Common Reed

(*Phragmites australis*) which has:

- Generally smaller (6-13 ft tall) stature
- Shorter (½-2 ft long) and narrower leaves
- Flowers that are less compact and lean to one side
- Also a plant-out-of-place



Giant Reed flowers



Common Reed flowers

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EXOTIC HERB

Capeweed

(*Arctotheca calendula*)



Description

- Low-growing evergreen herb with rosette of heavily lobed leaves
- Leaves with cobwebby hairs on top, densely wooly underneath, appearing silvery from a distance
- Forms dense, mat-like groundcovers which choke out other plants
- Yellow daisy-like flowers, 2 in across; flowers late spring early summer
- Black-centered flowers are fertile and even more problematic

Habitat

- Coastal grasslands, riparian areas, disturbed areas
- Can tolerate a wide range of environments
- Used extensively in landscaping and easily spreads to natural areas from small stem or root pieces

Don't confuse with...

Dandelion-like plants which have:

- Rosettes of lobed leaves which lack white underside, or unlobed leaves with white undersides
- Also plants-out-of-place

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